

seal, mayor of a city having a seal or justice of the peace of a State other than the State in which the grantor, maker or subscribing witness resided at the time of the execution, acknowledgment, examination or probate thereof, and such acknowledgment, examination or probate so had and taken is or was in other respects according to law, and such deed, mortgage, power of attorney or other instrument above mentioned has been duly ordered to registration and has been registered, then and in that event such acknowledgment, examination, probate and registration are hereby in all respects made valid and binding: *Provided*, that this act shall apply to probates and acknowledgments of deputy clerks of other States when such probate and acknowledgment has been attested by the official seal of said office and adjudged sufficient and in due form of law by the clerk of the court in the State where the instrument is required to be registered: *Provided*, this act shall not affect any pending suit.

Proviso: probate before deputy clerks.

Proviso: pending suits excepted.

SEC. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after the date of its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this the 6th day of March, A. D. 1905.

CHAPTER 506.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 677 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1901 TO PREVENT FIRE WASTE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That chapter six hundred and seventy-seven of the Public Laws of one thousand nine hundred and one, ratified on the fourteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and one, be amended by adding after section three thereof the following sections, to-wit:

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of the Insurance Commissioner to notify every city and incorporated town where there is no chief of fire department to appoint said officer at once, and it shall be also his duty to see that said officer in every city and incorporated town is reasonably remunerated by said city or town for the services required of him by this and other acts, and the aldermen or commissioners of any city or town failing or refusing to appoint said officer or failing or refusing to reasonably remunerate him shall be guilty of a misdemeanor: *Provide*d, that nothing herein shall prevent any person appointed hereunder from holding some other position in the government of said city or town.

Chiefs of fire departments to be appointed.

To be reasonably remunerated.

SEC. 5. That the chiefs of fire departments hereinbefore provided for shall also be local inspectors of buildings for the cities or towns for which they are appointed and shall perform the duties required herein and shall make all reports required by the Insurance Commissioner, and shall make all inspections and perform

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